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King Khaled

Khaled cables Tarakki

TAIF, Aug. 20 (SPA)—King Khaled Sunday cabled his greetings to President Muhammad Nur Tarakki of Afghanistan on the occasion of his country's independence.

The King wished Tarakki health and happiness and the Afghani people further progress and prosperity.

Sultan receives Fateh aide

TAIF, Aug. 20 (SPA)—Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan Sunday received Fateh's Representative in Saudi Arabia, Yassin Al-Sharif.

Following the meeting, Sharif said he conveyed to Prince Sultan the greetings of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat "and the gratitude of the Palestinian Command for the courageous Saudi stand toward the Palestinians and their just cause."

He added that he discussed with the prince latest Arab developments and their impact on the Palestinian Revolution.

Sharif stressed that Palestinian leaders "are keen on keeping Saudi Arabia informed." (Continued on back page)

London commando raid on El Al bus kills two

LONDON, Aug. 20 (Agencies)—A Palestinian commando group claimed it carried out a furious machine gun and grenade attack on an Israeli El Al airline bus here Sunday in which an air hostess was killed.

A man who also died in the assault outside the Europa Hotel was said by bystanders to be an Arab blown up by his own grenade.

Nine persons were hurt, three seriously, by bullets, flying grenade splinters or blast—all but two of them bystanders.

Police in a car chased one man as he fled down a side street and arrested him. Police were alerted to hunt for a grey Renault car carrying two or three Arabs.

A statement telephoned to a Reuter office abroad said the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) carried out the attack, saying that El Al was a military body used to carry spare parts and volunteers to Israel.

"The PFLP-Special Operations considers El Al a military target and will strike at it



LONDON ATTACK: Policemen check the area around the El Al airliner bus outside the Europa Hotel in central London Monday, after gunmen opened fire with machine guns and exploded hand grenades, killing two people and injuring nine others. (wirephoto)

wherever it can. This attack is a last warning to all passengers against the use of the airline," the caller said.

The attack was launched as the bus brought 21 airline staff—but no passengers—to the Europa for a night's stop over after a flight from New York to London.

"It was just like a battle-

(Continued on back page)

Hoss: Lebanese government feels let down by Americans

BEIRUT, Aug. 20 (Agencies)—Prime Minister Salim Hoss was quoted in Beirut Sunday as saying the Lebanese government felt let down by the United States over the despatch of a Lebanese army unit to the South.

He added: "I was assured of U.S. intervention of the sort that would facilitate the job of the government in the South in relation to Israel wherever necessary..."

Hoss also accused Israel of trying to incite sectarian disputes in Lebanon.

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*On relations, Arab issues***Saud Al-Faisal, Asnag confer**

TAIF, Aug. 20 (SPA) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal conferred for two and a half hours Saturday evening with North Yemen's Foreign Minister Abdullah Al-Asqar.

Sheikh Abdul Rahman Mansouri, deputy foreign minister for political affairs, attended the meeting.

Talks dealt with Arab solidarity, the forthcoming meeting of the Arab League Council, the coordination of the Arab stand at the U.N. General Assembly in September and Saudi-Yemeni relations.

Asnag told reporters they also discussed the proposed agenda for the forthcoming session of the Saudi-Yemeni Co-operation Council.

He said that views were, as usual, identical between both

sides on all Arab and international issues.

North Yemeni Ambassador Hammoud Al-Jaifi took part in the meeting.

Asnag had arrived in Jeddah Saturday evening for a short visit to Saudi Arabia.

He immediately flew to Taif

for his talks with Prince Saud.

He said on his arrival that his visit was in response to an invitation from the prince.

Asnag was met at the airport by the head of the Foreign Ministry's Protocol Department, Salem Subhi, and Ambassador Al-Jaifi.

Again calls for gradual increases

Yamani: Kingdom to retain dollar for oil

JEDDAH, Aug. 20 (Agencies) — Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani said in an interview published Sunday that Saudi Arabia will retain the dollar as the currency for oil pricing.

He also said that a sharp rise in prices in the 1980s would do the world economy more harm than several gradual increases.

But Sheikh Ahmad told "Al-Madina" that the problem in the future would not be the price of oil, but "whether or not we have crude oil."

He said companies operating in Saudi Arabia were aware of the government's decision to change the ratio output of light crude and that it would continue to cut production of Arabian light crude to reach a correct output level against heavy crude.

He noted that at present there was a surplus of light crude on the world market because of the North Sea production, and that OPEC members such as Nigeria, Libya and Algeria were suffering from the surplus because they could not find markets for their own production.

But Sheikh Ahmad warned that proven reserves of light crude were limited and being depleted rapidly. He added that all future energy alternatives such as coal or atomic power would replace heavy crude, and that was a development which would increase demand for light crude at a time when

Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani

announced that OPEC was willing to use a basket of currencies to compute oil prices.

"Though such an announcement may have had a psychological effect and may have led to currency speculation, the effect is temporary."

The decline, as some had claimed, might be a policy move by the U.S. in its economic battle with Japan and West Germany "as a means of forcing Japan to reduce its trade surplus."

Sheikh Ahmad was emphatic about retaining the dollar as the unit of account for oil pricing.

He said: "We heard some

Holy Quran supply agreement reached

MECCA, Aug. 20 (SPA) — An agreement has been reached between the Muslim World League and Habib Bank of Pakistan to open an account for receiving donations for printing one million copies of the translation of the meaning of the Holy Quran.

Sheikh Safwat Al-Saqa, the league's assistant secretary general, who made the announcement Sunday, said the copies will be printed in Urdu and English and will be distributed in different parts of the sub-continent.

politicians outside America say that if a basket of currencies replaced the dollar in oil pricing it would place a limit to the U.S. policy of pushing the dollar downward ...

"Such a contention could be right or wrong, but in both cases one could say that if we remain with the dollar, and remain we will, or revert to a basket of currencies—and I don't believe that the relationship between the dollar's value and oil pricing is that strong—even if the value of the dollar were affected by a reversion to the basket, such a thing would be limited to a week or two."

Sheikh Ahmad described the economic situation in some OPEC countries as painful, particularly in those states which had borrowed to finance development projects.

"Countries like Indonesia have to pay more cheap petrodollars for the soaring prices of Japanese imports," he said.

He denied a recent report by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) that Saudi Arabia can produce 19 or 23 million barrels a day.

"I don't believe the Kingdom would produce 19 or 23 million barrels daily at any time in the future, and there is a big question mark around the CIA report which is full of exaggeration."

He said, however, that Saudi Arabia might gradually increase its oil production to 14 million barrels a day, compared to

the present potential of 11 million.

Production in June averaged 6.93 million barrels a day.

Aide hits at Zionists over attack on Al-Aqsa

TAIF, Aug. 20 (SPA) — Minister of Justice Sheikh Ibrahim Muhammad Al-Shaikh Sunday condemned the "Zionist criminal assault" on the Aqsa mosque.

In a message issued to commemorate the attack on the mosque, the minister said that the "Zionists were led to commit this crime by their hatred of Islam and Muslims." Their act "had left an ugly impression in the heart of every Muslim since it had amounted to a humiliation of Muslim shrines."

Al-Shaikh said it was not strange for the "Jews to perpetrate this ignoble act, as their history was replete with such kind of treason and treachery."

He added that every Muslim remembered this "criminal deed" in this sacred month and "looked forward to the day when God will rid the mosque of the Jewish desecration." He reminded Muslims that they could not return to the mosque unless they raised the banner of jihad in the path of God.

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Radio, T. to relay Tarawih prayers

JEDDAH, Aug. 19 — During the last 10 days of Ramadan radio and television will relay live from the Prophet's Mosque the "tarawih" prayers to all parts of the Kingdom.

Instructions were given yesterday by Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abd Al-Sabiq, who also directed officials to stick scrupulously to Islamic conduct in all TV radio features, especially those 10 days.

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Malaysians urged to give support to Palestinians

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug. 20 — Malaysian Foreign Affairs Minister Tengku Ahmad Kitideen Sunday called on Malaysians to give their fullest support to the Palestinian people.

In a statement issued to mark Aug. 25, he said, "as in previous years in observance of the day, the 'ubah' (sermon) of prayers on Aug. 25 would be specific to the Al-Aqsa Mosque."

Jordanian found dead

Greek seaside hotel

THENS, Aug. 20 (AP) — It was said Sunday that a Jordanian, Suleiman Ahmed al-Motak, was found murdered Saturday and that there were indications he could have been a member of a guerrilla group sent here to execute a plan of action.

Police said a search of Al-Motak's rented room at a sea-suburban hotel uncovered a suitcase full of explosives. Motak, 30, was shot three times by unknown assailants who prepared to leave his car

in an unlit parking lot outside his hotel.

Police at first speculated that the murder was the settlement of an old score. But after the explosives were found, police said they were investigating the possibility that Al Motak was murdered by a rival Arab group. He had arrived in Greece on Aug. 14.

Police said they are holding Motak's Lebanese roommate, Constantine Nambil Kamata, for questioning but so far he has been unable to shed further light on the murder.

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Eritrean rebels repulse 3rd attack in five days

KHARTOUM, Aug. 20 (R) — Eritrean guerrillas have repulsed a third attack in five days by Ethiopian government forces trying to advance northwards on the town of Keren, a guerrilla spokesman said Sunday.

The spokesman for the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) said 350 Ethiopian troops had been killed, 600 wounded and 20 captured in 14 hours of heavy fighting on Friday near the village of Embaderho, between Keren and the provincial capital Asmara.

Keren, the last main town in guerrilla hands, has become the principal focus of the government's 10-week military offensive in Eritrea, diplomatic sources here say.

The EPLF also said two tanks were destroyed and large quantities of weapons captured in Friday's battle in the steep valleys of the Eritrean highlands.

Earlier last week, the EPLF announced that they had killed

1,500 government troops and destroyed or captured 14 tanks in the same area. After pulling out of several towns to conserve its forces in the face of the government offensive, the EPLF has decided to stand and fight at Keren.

"We have reached a stalemate," the EPLF spokesman said. "This will be a war of attrition."

He said a second Ethiopian force was expected to advance on Keren from the west along the road from Agordat, which was captured by the government on Aug. 9.

EPLF units have now begun moving against the government forces' extended supply lines, including those to Agordat, to try to force the government to commit more troops to defensive positions, he said.

The guerrillas ambushed a small convoy south of Asmara last week killing 70, capturing 14 and taking 19 light artillery pieces and small arms, the spokesman said.

2 Austrians with UNDOF killed in Golan accident

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20 (R)

— Two Austrian soldiers serving with the Austrian detachment in the U.N. Disengagement Observation Forces (UNDOF) on the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights were killed and 13 injured in a road accident Sunday, the U.N. headquarters here said.

A U.N. spokesman said the men had been traveling in a truck which overturned between their base at Kuneitra and Tiberias.

In a message to Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko released by the official Jordan News Agency Badran said: "I wish to seize this opportunity to express our great satisfaction ... with the state of relations between our two countries in all fields."

"I hope that they would continue to grow to serve the interests of our two brotherly peoples and peace in the Middle East and the whole world," Badran said in the message on the 15th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Amman and Moscow.

Replying, Gromyko said that the successful development of their relations was based on the principles of equality, sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries.

Arab Boycott blacklists 14 companies

DAMASCUS, Aug. 20 (AP) — The Arab Boycott of Israel Office announced Sunday it has blacklisted 14 foreign firms and companies for dealing with Israel.

No names were announced, but a statement said all dealt in pharmaceuticals. They include two American firms, five Indian companies and others from Romania, Malta, Switzerland, Denmark and Iran.

The office also lifted the name of five foreign companies from the blacklist after they stopped dealing with Israel, the statement said.

He said Afghanistan would not tolerate outside interference in its internal affairs.

The speech came after President Taraki took over as defense minister, having smashed a plot to overthrow his four-month-old government.

"We shall not allow any country to interfere in our internal affairs," he said.

There was no direct reference in President Taraki's speech to the arrest of the defense minister, Brig.-Gen. Abdul Khadir, and the chief of general staff, Maj.-Gen. Shahpur.

But President Taraki said the members of the armed forces know "where their interests lie."

He said there were elements making false propaganda and

it was for the people to distinguish between friends and foes.

Referring to the foreign policy of his government, he said the relations with India were expanding.

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Trudeau invites Sadat to Canada

CAIRO, Aug. 20 (UPI) — President Anwar Sadat has received an invitation from Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau to visit Canada on his way back from the Camp David meeting next month.

"al Ahram" newspaper reported Sunday.

Sadat will meet President Carter and Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin at

Camp David, Maryland Sept. 5.

The newspaper said that

the visit will depend on the outcome of the Camp Da-

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Delegates resume talks in sea conference today

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 19 (R)—The U.N. law of the sea conference Monday resumes itsathon effort to draft an international convention regulating navigation and exploitation of the world's Oceans.

The conference of some 150 delegations has already met for a total of 47 weeks since it formally opened almost five years in Dec. 1973.

Delegates are generally considered to have resolved 90 per

cent of the issues confronting them, which range from fisheries conservation and the navigation rights of warships to marine pollution and deep-sea mining.

But the remaining 10 per cent present the most difficult choices, and no decisions will be final until a complete package has been worked out.

This round, due to end on Sept. 15, marks a resumption of the conference's seventh ses-

Canada hopes to sell heavy water to Japan

TOKYO, Aug. 20 (R)—Canadian Minister of Industry Jack Turner said Sunday there was a good chance Canada could succeed in selling its "heavy water nuclear

power, who arrived Saturday for five days of trade talks, reported the Canadian was more efficient than the water-type reactors at present used by Japan.

In addition, he said the Cana-

nian uranium would allow the Japanese the luxury of choosing in future from among several sources of uranium supply—instead of having to rely on supplies from the United States, which has the technology for the enrichment process.

Canada at present supplies about 40 per cent of Japan's requirements in enriched uranium terms—virtually all of it being enriched in the U.S. sale of the Caudo would mean Canada could export natural uranium direct to Japan.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.35
British Sterling	6.62	6.55
Deutsche Mark (100)	171.50	168.00
Austrian Schilling (100)	205.00	204.00
French F (100)	78.75	77.50
Italian Lira (100)	4.15	4.10
Japanese Yen (100)	117.00	116.50
Yuan Lira (100)	83.50	86.00
Egyptian Pound	4.90	4.83
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.50	12.30
Jordanian Dinar	11.35	11.25
Emirati Dirham (100)	88.00	87.50
Jordanian Dinar (100)	88.00	87.50
Bahraini Dinar	8.80	8.75
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Turks turning gloomy over economic recovery

ANKARA, Aug. 20 (AP)—Turkish leaders' hopes of last spring for a quick recovery from this NATO-member's worst economic crisis in two decades have recently given way to gloomy predictions.

Foreign banks and other lending organizations are cautiously watching the nation's economy instead of rushing badly-needed credits that were expected to help resolve the foreign currency crisis.

Finance Minister Ziya Muezzinoglu abruptly flew to the U.S. this week to try to save a crucial loan agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The pact is reportedly on shaky ground because of Turkey's alleged failure to live up to its terms.

When the accord was signed last March, Turkey believed it would serve as a "green light" for other lenders to pour in hard currency. Muezzinoglu predicted at the time that the economy would be "out of the woods" by September.

In exchange for IMF credits of \$450 million, the Turkish government agreed to curtail domestic demand, approve a lean budget, devalue the lira by 23 per cent, and adopt other austerity measures.

But Turkey's economic performance hasn't been satisfactory, judged against the IMF guidelines, a foreign economic source said.

For example, the country pledged to reduce the inflation rate this year to 20 per cent from 50 per cent in 1977. But the wholesale price index rose by 23.5 per cent in the first

half alone, and consumer prices gained 26 per cent.

The inflation rate this year is now expected to be about the same as in 1977. In addition, the IMF-imposed ceiling on central bank credits was exceeded several months ago.

U.S. favored for foreign investment

From Our Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Aug. 20 — The United States at mid-year continues to be the major source of foreign investment and the favored place for other countries to invest, the Conference Board of New York has reported.

In the second quarter of 1978, private companies announced 167 foreign manufacturing investments, with more than 60 per cent of them to be in the U.S., the board said. U.S. companies accounted for about 40 per cent of all private cross-border manufacturing investments made outside the U.S. in the quarter.

The board is a business research organization based in New York.

It said the two largest private projects are a \$2 billion natural gas liquefaction plant in Indonesia involving the Royal Dutch/Shell Group and Mitsubishi Corp. of Japan, and a \$1.9 billion petrochemical complex in West Germany planned by Britain's Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd.

Former U.S. oil executive fined for price violations

From Our Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Aug. 20 — Representing the first major U.S. oil company to face criminal charges concerning improper oil pricing after the 1973 Arab oil embargo, a former Continental Oil Co. executive vice president pleaded no contest in federal court here in a continuing investigation into alleged oil-pricing violations.

Willard H. Burnap, fired in December 1976 as head of

The judge assessed the maximum \$5,000 fine carried by the charge on a recommendation by the U.S. government.

Burnap, individually and through his Conoco position, ordered, approved and knew of a scheme to circumvent federal regulations in August, 1973 during a transaction of gasoline sales between Conoco and two other U.S. petroleum firms, a prosecutor alleged.

The oil-pricing violations charges stem from an ongoing investigation by the U.S. Department of Energy and the Justice Department. Government sources indicate there may be more actions to come in the Conoco case.

In Stamford, Conn., a Conoco spokesman stated that he company had been informed of the court's actions concerning Burnap.

According to Paul L. Bloom, the energy department's special counsel, the DOE is conducting audits of 34 U.S. oil companies. Seventeen of those firms have already been charged with more than \$1 billion in alleged pricing violations.



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The occupied West Bank, for all its importance to a Middle East settlement, is receiving precious little attention from the Western media these days, perhaps because of the superficial calm that prevails there, or perhaps because detailed information on the problems posed by the occupation would prove to be unsettling for Western pundits. The United States, particularly, seems content to follow Israel's lead when it comes to the West Bank: U.S. officials and journalists all too frequently view the occupied territories—and the Palestinians generally—as objects or pawns in the bargaining process, and not as living communities and individuals whose basic human rights have been ignored by the civilized world for far too long. The so-called human rights policy of the Carter administration pointedly excludes the Palestinians and their occupied homeland. U.S. officials realize it would not be good politics to anger the Begin government further by calling attention to human rights violations in such areas as the West Bank, even though those violations have been confirmed by Amnesty International among others.

Meanwhile, the abuses in the occupied territories continue. Palestinians are routinely imprisoned without charge under harsh "administrative detention" regulations heaped on the Israelis by the British mandate—the same regulations that Jews called "barbaric" when the British applied them to Zionists in the 1930s and 1940s. Arab territory continues to be confiscated for the use of Jewish settlers, who claim they are "liberating" the land by "biblical right."

There have been no major demonstrations in the West Bank for some time now, possibly because the residents are holding their breath for a peace settlement that would free them from Israeli occupation. A number of West Bankers seem sympathetic to the Sadat initiative, and it may be that they are trying to keep the territory as calm as possible before the Camp David summit to encourage Israeli withdrawal and an eventual plebiscite on self-determination. But if the West Bank is ostensibly quiet, below the surface there is greater resentment than ever toward the Israeli occupiers. Even the Israelis admit this today. In the past, they claimed the West Bank Palestinians were happy and prosperous under the occupation. Now, as an Israeli officer told the "New York Times," the inhabitants "want us out."

This point was brought home to Dr. Hisham Sharabi, the Palestinian-American who heads the U.S. National Association of Arab Americans, when he visited Jordan recently. There he met a number of West Bank notables, who briefed him on the current mood in the occupied territories. Dr. Sharabi came away with the impression that "all the West Bankers want—their one preoccupation—is for the Israelis to leave their land." This view was confirmed by Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij on a recent visit to Washington, where he told Congressmen that the inhabitants of the West Bank—while they may differ on certain aspects of a peace settlement—are all agreed that complete Israeli withdrawal from the occupied lands is a necessary component of a comprehensive peace. West Bankers, he said, were also in agreement that a peace settlement must include the establishment of some kind of Palestinian homeland and the right to return for Palestinians in exile abroad.

If the American government were to take a more active interest in the people of the West Bank, and listen to their own proposals for settling the Arab-Israeli dispute, then peace might truly be possible. Israel would find it difficult to ignore the Palestinian people if the United States made a solid case for human rights as they apply to those Arabs living under Israeli occupation. If the Palestinian problem is the crux of the Middle East dispute, as everyone seems to agree, then why not involve these people actively in the search for a just and durable peace? This is the only avenue that has yet to be tried, and it could make the peace process much simpler for everyone.



A squalid Leninist exercise

By Ronald Reagan
LOS ANGELES—

If you had any doubts about what Fidel Castro thinks about the United States, consider his words spoken on July of this year.

The occasion was the celebration of a date 25 years ago, when Castro and a small band of compatriots attacked the army barracks at Santiago de Cuba, thus launching, according to contemporary Cuban mythology, The Revolution—that squalid Leninist exercise we have come to identify as the regime in Havana.

Fidel's audience on the silver anniversary consisted of the party faithful and a sprinkling of "delegates" from the XI World Youth Festival—the communist world's commissioners of the future celebrating a week of anti-Americanism paid for, of course, by their governments.

And the Maximum Leader did not disappoint them. Calling the United States "the most ferocious and powerful empire on earth," Castro pointed out that the United States became a "virtual substitution for Hitler's Germany." Who can deny these historical truths?" he asked rhetorically, omitting any mention of the United States' role in defeating Nazism.

Having lithely rewritten history, Soviet-style, the Cuban dictator passed on to the present, the current state of U.S.-Cuban relations in particular.

The first item on his list was the Carter campaign for human rights. Naturally, as a Marxist-Leninist state Cuba has no problems on that score. But Castro added, contemptuously if the president's "pre-

aching" succeed in modifying the behavior of U.S. allies as Brazil and South Korea, we might earn a merit or two in his sight.

That said, Castro made it perfectly clear the United States still has much to answer for in the realm of human rights.

In his words: "...it still remains to be proved whether a bourgeois, imperialistic and warmongering regime can promise real human rights to anyone in the world within and outside its borders because such a system exists only to serve—using all of its resources and means domestically and abroad—the rights and interests of its capital."

"With what moral rights can the rulers of a nation speak of human rights when within it the millionaire and the beggar coexist?"

Still, Castro's brand of tyranny is nothing new nor will it last. And, the United States government might contribute toward that end. For one thing, after receiving that kind of abuse, any self-respecting government would pull out its diplomatic presence. We should, in this case, remove our Interests Section and forbid further travel to Cuba for the time being, backed up with a stiff note of protest.

Any recurrence of the 26th speech should be responded to by other measures, primarily economic, that will cost Castro's shaky economy even more. There is no reason, in short, for American passivity.

As for the other issues, he condensed them, for once, in only two paragraphs: "One cannot be neutral in the face of issues such as Panama's sovereignty over the canal, the right of the peoples of Belize

media services, its embassies and students abroad could be instrumental in educating the West on Saudi Arabia."

"A concerted information ac-

tivity is needed to project the real image of the Kingdom. Instead of handing out information brochures to visitors, the Ministry of Information

would do well to equip every Saudi going abroad with a set of brochures on the Kingdom to give away in the country he is visiting."

The Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF) which was driven off towns and villages in western Eritrea by advancing Ethiopian troops could now begin to consolidate their position by establishing control over the surrounding countryside and isolating the guerrillas.

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the military initiative after two months of the heaviest fighting in the 17-year Eritrean war for independence.

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Ethiopia's Russian- and Cuban-backed army has rec-

ognized three large cities and a

score of smaller towns and vil-

ages from the EPLF and a

second smaller movement—the

Eritrean Liberation Front

(ELF)—during the past five weeks.

Driving into western and southern Eritrea against the ELF, the government took the towns of Tessenei and Adi Quala and the important city of Mendefera by the end of July. At this point, the EPLF appears to have voluntarily withdrawn from the Red Sea port of Massawa, the central highland city of Decamare and a series of other positions in central and southern Eritrea, lifting the siege of the Asmara capital which had been in effect since last October.

Ethiopia immediately rushed in to fill the vacuum, spreading its forces out over a wide area,

which is exactly what the guerrillas say they wanted.

"We are frustrated. We

a shortage of resources, we

are overworked and overworn

and we have many new

local administrative prob-

lems such as war

and malnutrition."

Among the 7,000 refu-

grants officially estimated to have

arrived in the Kassala area

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number of wounded guerrillas

of the Eritrean Liberation Front

(ELF) which was driven off

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Sudan provides free med-

ical care in its public hospitals,

doctors say 80 per cent of

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mainly civilian casualties of

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With 57,000 Eritrean refu-

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A national flood dis-

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(OFNS, R.).

Libya and U.S. aid

TRIPOLI, Libya — On the glass-topped desk of H. M. Cuniali, chairman of Libya Arab Airlines, is a huge folder entitled, "Airbus ASUO. Economic study. Libyan Arab Airlines."

The Libyans do not really want the Franco-German Airbus as the plane with which they will expand the airlines fleet. They want U.S.-built Boeings, of which they have ordered two and are prepared to order at least three more.

But the Airbus, Cuniali said in an interview, is the obvious alternative if the U.S. State Department persists in its refusal to license Boeings for export to Libya. It will not be the Libyans, he said, who will pay the prices for the decision, it will be the workers on the Boeing assembly line in Seattle whose jobs depend on the flow of orders.

Much more is at stake in America's refusal to authorize the export of airplanes to Libya than the question of which competing plane the Libyans will buy instead.

The U.S. embargo, and possible subsequent embargoes on sales to Iraq and Algeria, raise the whole question of the wisdom and efficiency of using commercial arrangements as a tool of foreign policy, a practice generally condemned by our principles. If things are original, we are happy to deal with the U.S., but we won't get down on our knees. You have to respect our point of view."

Here in Libya, the State Department's action is criticized by Americans and Libyans alike as a belated response to Libyan policies of the early 1970s, not to Libyan policies of today. It appears to have eliminated any prospect of improved U.S.-Libyan relations or reduction in the U.S. trade deficit with Libya. If it has chastened the Libyans, they do not show it.

"We and Boeing have been happy together," said Cuniali, whose current international fleet of nine planes is all Boeing. "We had detailed discussions with Boeing about the expansion of the fleet. But I have to move, to expand, to serve the public. We can't just wait."

Whatever Libya does to commercially or politically, he said, it will not be because of State Department pressure.

That summarizes the Libyan response to the move to cut off exports of material and equipment that might have military uses to Libya. Over the objections of the U.S. Department of Commerce, the State Department has vetoed delivery of two Boeing 727s for which Libya has already paid \$30 million, at least three

serious possibility.

The Libyans prefer, here said, to wait until a sale in Washington to persuade the State Department to reverse its decision.

With delivery of the 727s scheduled for this month, Cuniali said he was hoping that Boeing lobbyists members of the Washington congressional delegation (who represent Seattle) succeed in having the bill passed.

Libyan officials from Muammar Qaddafi down lose no opportunity to disavow international terrorism and express their opposition to the tactics the State Department is holding them responsible for.

"We are against terrorism and we do not believe in Qaddafi's right-hand man, Abd al-Salam Jalloud recently. Our way of life and attitude do not go with terrorism and our are against it."

Libya does continue support for the Palestine Liberation Organization, an guerrilla movement in and Asia, but the Libyans argue that this is legitimate support for right causes, not terrorism. In case, the Libyans argue some justification, the U.S. has not cut off sensitive equipment to other countries whose terrorism in recent is worse than Libya's.

The government's real concern, informed sources say, is less over the plane trucks than over the impact of legislation proposed by Congress that would impose strict trade restrictions on countries suspected of a reign of terror.

About one third of daily crude oil produced two million barrels is exported to the United States. A loss of the U.S. market would be a serious economic blow to Libya, whose traditional markets in Northern Europe largely been cut off by the flow of oil from the Sea. — (WP)

The trap of Eritrea

By Dan Conwell

Khartoum—

After Ethiopian forces had taken former guerrilla strongholds in Eritrea without firing a shot, Ethiopian officials announced a major victory and expressed confidence that government troops could now begin to consolidate their position by establishing control over the surrounding countryside and isolating the guerrillas.

Spokesmen for the main Eritrean movements disagree, saying that Ethiopia has overextended itself too quickly and walked into a well-laid trap which will give the guerrillas the military initiative after two months of the heaviest fighting in the 17-year Eritrean war for independence.

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Saudi Arabia revives the cross-Channel swim with a strong cast

By Nigel Harvey
London Bureau

LONDON—If the weather breaks right, an international host of marathon swimmers will hit the waters of the English Channel in the next few days for open cross-Channel race that revives a tradition dormant for 25 years.

The race, which is being sponsored by Saudi Arabia, will involve 14 swimmers from ten countries who are training for the grueling, 27-mile journey at Folkestone, Kent.

When the swimmers strike out from Shakespeare Beach below the Dover cliffs and head for France, several Arabs, including two Saudis, will be among the leading contenders.

Swimmers from the Arab world are gaining an increasingly dominant position in international marathon events. The English Channel is a familiar challenge for many of them, because the Kingdom has sponsored an annual pan-Arab race there for the last three years.

The Saudi national team holds the Channel relay records for the return trip for the Cap Gris Nez-to-Dover run.

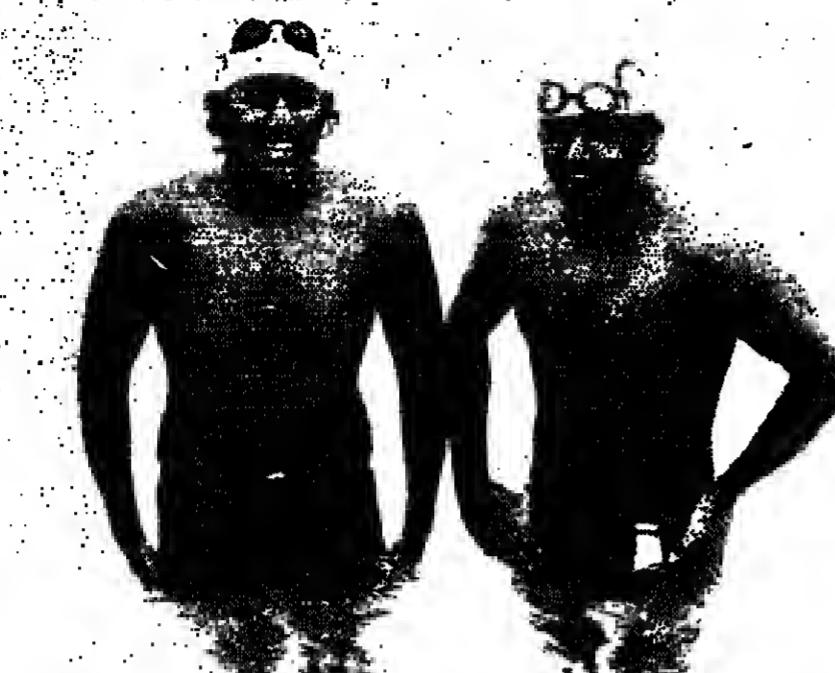
Egyptian and Saudi swimmers combined to take five of the top seven awards at a recent race at Lake Windermere in the English Lakes District.

More importantly, they together took three of the top four amateur places in July at the annual 43-kilometer Capri-Napoli race, which is unofficially regarded as the world championship of marathon swimming.

Rough conditions allowed only ten of the 34 Capri-Napoli contestants to finish. The race was won by John Kinsella, a top American professional who last week won the Lake Ontario marathon in Canada. Kinsella is not entered in the Channel race.

The top amateur spot in the Capri-Napoli race went to Nagi Abdullah, 26, a drug store employee from Alexandria. Abdullah was also the top amateur at this year's Nile race. The Channel race is Abdullah's first event in the chilly European strait, but trainer Gen. Helmi Moraghi denies that this will adversely affect Abdullah's chances.

Saudi swimmers Al-Said Fakr and Alawi Maki took second and fourth amateur honors in the Italian marathon. Fakr, at 17, is the Saudi team's



TOP CONTENDERS: Al-Said Fakr poses with his older captain, Alawi Miki.

rising star. He was ahead of his captain Maki, 22, in the Capri-Napoli classic. Maki, though, has been the team's top swimmer for the last seven years.

Maki has led the Saudis to the top of the international swimming league. One trainer calls him "the backbone" of the team. He is expected to do well in the Channel race, for his times have been steadily improving over the 27-mile course for the last three years.

Maki is studying physical education at Alexandria University, and he hopes to continue his studies in the United States. He may well take over the training reins for the Saudi team in the future.

Maki told "Arab News" he may retire from competitive swimming next year to make way for his studies. But his trainers say he's still young and improving, and they would obviously be disappointed to see him go.

All Ilbek, an Egyptian trainer on the team, says admiringly of Maki's success: "He is the central pillar of our team because he is a swimmer that doesn't leave the water during a championship unless he's un-

conscious. He swims and swims and does the best he can, putting all his energy into trying."

Maki is friendly and unassuming and says of his teammate Fakr: "I think he's the best; he's better than me."

Though this may as yet be

generous, Fakr is certainly amazing: two and a half years ago, he couldn't swim at all!

Fakr was chosen from his school in Safwa for his natural swimmer's physique: large bands and legs, flexible shoulders, strength, a good float as well as long arms. He also has a boyish enthusiasm to carry him through the tough training sessions.

His first channel swim last year was impressive and he was close to Maki, who in turn was only 20 minutes behind the Egyptian winner, Nasser Al Shazely. Shazely was to race this year in the Channel competition, but has been held up with other races in Canada.

The Saudi sessions now stretch to about 5 hours a day at the large open-air swimming pool in Folkestone and the swimmers are closely monitored by a team of highly trained experts.

The Kingdom's jump into



THE SAUDI TEAM: Amia Hashim, Anwar Saleh, Al-Said Fakr, Alawi Miki, Habib Qoraysh and Salah Habib.

top-flight swimming has been no accident. Steady improvement has come over the last four years under the watchful eye of chief trainer Kamal Mahrous and with support from the Department of Youth Welfare.

The full six-man Saudi team is in Folkestone, although each country may only enter two swimmers for the channel race. But the other four are all under 16, and they have been competing in Canada and Britain as well as the Capri-Napoli race.

The tour is providing them with valuable experience to ensure a solid team in the future. One, Habib Qoraysh is expected to reach senior standards as early as next year even

though he is only 15. This is his second year with the team, so the senior-level attention given to him is obviously paying off.

There is also an under-13 team being carefully nurtured in Safwa, where the national coaches have so far been based and where the team members all come from.

The Department of Youth Welfare however is building extensive swimming complexes in Jeddah, Dammam and Riyadh to expand the national talent net.

Saudi swimming is being developed on solid foundations for the future and already it is strong enough to have survived the tragic loss eight months ago of two of its main

swimmers in a car accident.

"There is no doubt," says Nasser Al Barakah, General Secretary of the Saudi Swimming Federation, "that we have had good results, and I am pleased with the team's progress."

The President of Youth Welfare, Prince Faisal ibn Fahd ibn Abdul Aziz (who is also President of the Egyptian-based International Long Distance Swimmers Federation), has provided 20,000 pounds for prize money and to cover expenses.

The 1,000-pound first prize has attracted top swimmers like the Saleh brothers, Maher and particularly Marwan, from Syria. The Australian

King of the Channel" Desmond Reidford, who has made the crossing 12 times is also in the race. So is the six-foot, five-inch tall Sudanese giant Sultan Kigab.

There are two women in the race, and the 18-year-old Egyptian Nazla Faidallah faces strong competition from Corrie Dixon, the Dutch girl who beat Nazla for the top women's place in this year's Nile race. The American student, Penny Dean, who set a new overall time record for the Channel of only 7 hours and 40 mins two weeks ago has not entered.

Corrie's husband, Ray, from Great Britain will be a strong contender as will his team-

mate Kevin Murphy, who is shortly to attempt a three-way non-stop marathon.

But the Saudis with the Syrians and Egyptians have a good chance of taking the prize home to the Middle East.

Ever since Captain Webb made the first grueling journey to France in 1873, the English channel has been a special challenge to long distance swimmers and this is particularly true for the new challengers on the international circuit.

Weathermen say the present strong winds are unlikely to drop enough for the race before Monday even though the swimmers have been on stand-by since Friday.

Art theft in Italy: A probable daily occurrence

By George Armstrong

ROME—The tourism posters are still right. Italy has something for everyone. It also has more of what it's got than any other European country. Other than the sun, the sea, the mountains, the snow and the food, Italy is a six-layered cake of art treasures.

It is unique in its Etruscan art. It has better preserved Greek temples than can be found in Greece. It has temples dedicated to the Roman gods, including the almost perfectly preserved temple dedicated to all the gods, the Pantheon. It has, in Pompeii and Herculaneum, the only two "complete" unchanged cities of 2,000 years ago.

About once a week foreigners read in their papers of an art theft in Italy. About twice a week Italians read of an art theft in their papers. There is probably an art theft each day, for some go unreported. A theft can be the work of an impoverished priest in a village selling ornate candelabra from the chapel which no one ever visits. But usually it is the work of professionals.

Italy's art treasures could be better guarded, but it could take the entire armed forces to guard every church, convent, museum, villa or ruin. (Every time it is proposed using the military—who have little to do during their 12 months of conscription—as guards inside museums, the generals and admirals give a firm "no".)

Siviero, who holds ministerial rank, says that legal steps have been taken in both cases, but the Italian police must cope with New York and California laws, and the outlook is not good.

In the case of the two Greek works, both were probably originally brought to Italy by rich Etruscans, whose territory was concentrated mostly in what is today Tuscany. The vase was found in an underground Etruscan tomb near Viterbo. The tomb, one of thousands, may have been found by a farmer with his plough, or by professional

grave-robbing using electronic gear to detect hollow vaults beneath the soil.

There are important Etruscan museums in Rome, Florence, Tarquinia, and other places, but most of the treasures found in this century probably are in private hands, usually foreign. The fishermen who found the Lysippus, which is his only bronze known to us, could have got from the government the equivalent of its worth (\$1 million), but absence is everywhere rampant in Italy. For the state to hire anyone, for any job vacancy, there first must be a nationwide competition, and the results are not known for years.

The main flaw lies in the nature of Italian bureaucracy itself. As Siviero said, and he can only make suggestions, since the safeguarding of art works is in the hands of the 20 regional governments, "I would like to see them use guard dogs in Pompeii. One man patrolling with a trained dog could be very efficient."

If the man in charge were to do it on his own, using other funds, he could be penalized for embezzlement or for "abuse of office." And so goes a bit of Pompeii each day. The comforting aspect to the Pompeian story is that a large part of the once-rich city is still not excavated and its unknown treasures are safe from the robbers. They are prepared to wait.—(G)

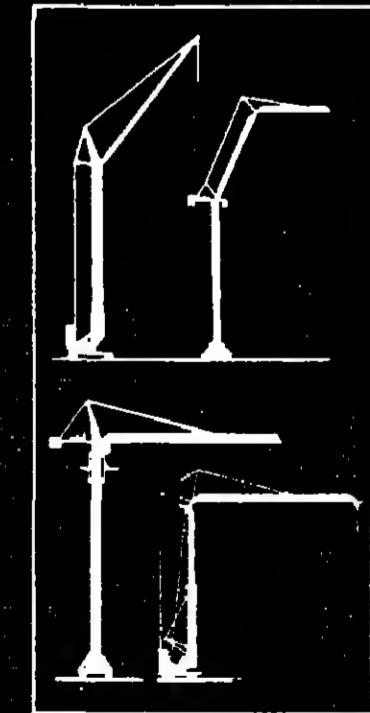
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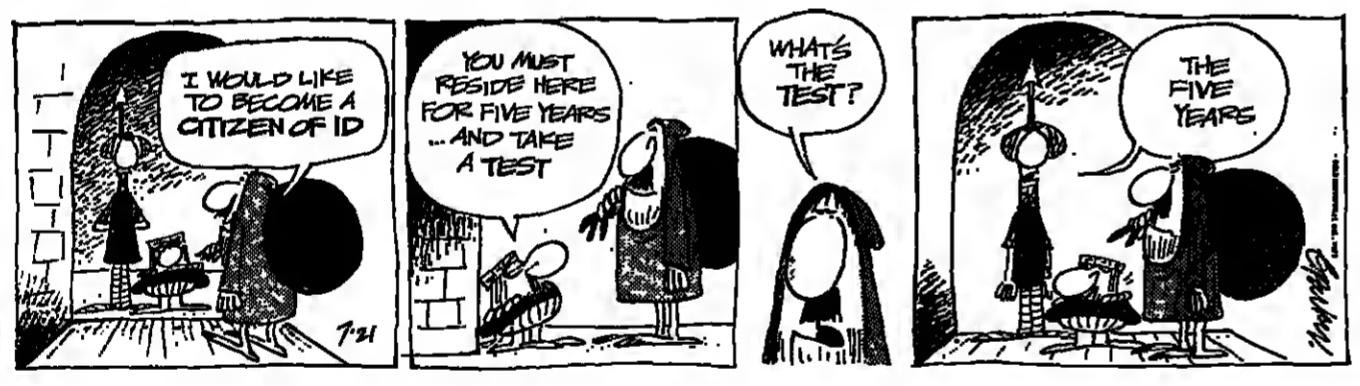
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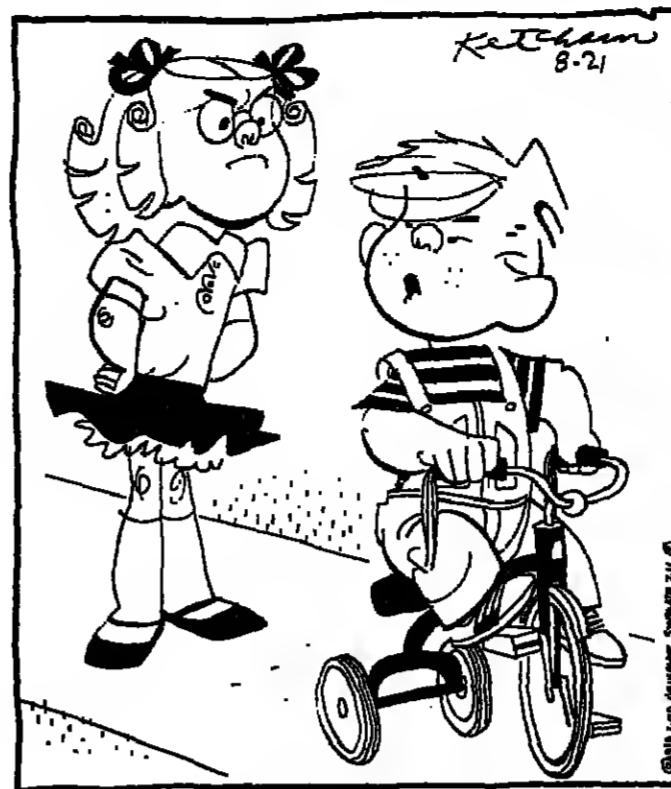
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Late News

Peking: Hanoi has rejected proposals on ethnic Chinese

TOKYO, Aug. 20 (AP)—China's official Hsinhua news agency said Sunday Vietnam rejected China's proposals that Vietnam stop discriminating against Chinese residents and prepare to take back Vietnamese citizens who have been driven to China.

The rejection came at a meeting Saturday between Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Chung Hsiung and Vietnam-

mese Vice Foreign Minister Hoang Bich Son in Hanoi. Hsinhua said.

It said Chung had advanced these proposals along with others calling on Vietnam to abide by a 1955 agreement on Chinese residents in Vietnam and to send home Chinese residents he said were stranded on the Vietnamese side of the China-Vietnam border.

The proposal on sticking to

the 1955 agreement was also turned down, Hsinhua said.

Hsinhua Sunday also published what it called "a first-hand account of the mass persecution of Chinese residents by the Vietnamese authorities."

The Hsinhua story quoted a "middle school student," Huang Chieh, who said he spent 10 days in Vietnam's Lang Son Prison where he was beaten and forced to sign a form saying China "uses Chinese nationals (in Vietnam) as political tools to create obstacles in Vietnam's way to socialism."

Huang, his wife and two others were jailed when he tried to escape being drafted in the fighting against Cambodia earlier this year. Hsinhua said.

The agency quoted Huang as saying there were many Chinese still in Vietnamese prisons, including at least 100 at Lang Son, who were "subjected to inhuman treatment and frequently beaten up."

Nigeria seen involved in Rhodesia talks

LUSAKA, Aug. 20 (AP)—Rhodesian guerrilla leaders Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe concluded their talks here Sunday and disclosed little of what was discussed, but there were signs that the Nigerian government is closely involved in Rhodesian settlement negotiations.

Speaking at an airport press conference shortly before returning to the Mozambique capital of Maputo, Mugabe, co-leader of the Patriotic Front, said the front was prepared to attend a round table conference "as and when they are held," and was awaiting word from the British government on the time and place.

Instead, the Chinese have made their points using their obscure code in which the Americans are "imperialists" and the Russians "hegemonists."

Hegemony, or domination, is the term Peking applies to what it sees as a Kremlin attempt to extend its global influence through subservient allies.

In a dinner speech soon after his arrival Hua accused imperialists and hegemonists of infiltrating and undermining other countries. He forecast that those who tried to rule the world today would come to grief like the empire-builders of old.

His remarks hit home in Moscow, where the official Soviet news agency Tass rejected the charge as being "far from reality" and accused Chinese leaders of making "blatant slander."

Nine dead in Addis deluge

ADDIS ABABA, Aug. 20 (AP)—At least nine persons died Saturday night in the heaviest flooding recorded in the Ethiopian capital in 20 years. Addis Ababa Radio reported Sunday.

The rainfall also caused heavy damage in the low-lying areas of the city. The weather service registered an average of 93 millimeters of rain Saturday, surpassing the 56.2 millimeters registered in August 1971.

The radio said the death toll could go higher after firemen and rescue workers complete their work.

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ing the driver out of his cab. "An air hostess was lying on the ground and they were still firing and people were running terrified up side streets," said a chet who rushed from his kitchen.

Another witness said: "A police car screamed down the wrong way in a one-way street after an Arab who was running away."

"Three men jumped out of the car and pounced on the Arab, who was shouting, screaming and kicking."

Police said they picked up two machine guns from the hotel forecourt.

Outside the hotel there was carnage.

Eyewitnesses reported several bodies slumped around the bullet-riddled bus, its driver's car shattered by gunfire and shrapnel. Buildings across the street were peppered with bullet holes.

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Urquhart had a meeting in South Lebanon with Lt.-Gen. Ensio Siilasvuo, chief coordinator of U.N. forces in the Middle East.

Maj.-Gen. Emanuel Erskine, commander of the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon, also attended the meeting which took place at the U.N. command's headquarters in Naqura, on the northern border of Israel.

U.N. commanders briefed Urquhart on problems facing the U.N. in South Lebanon.

Sultan

ed of events affecting the Palestinian Revolution."

Sharif said that Prince Sultan "showed full understanding and unconditional support for all the issues at stake."

Concluding his statement, he said that Prince Sultan reaffirmed the basic and unwavering stand of Saudi Arabia toward the Palestinians.

Riad

quarters is in Cairo. Riad visited Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Syria, Iraq and Kuwait before coming here.

Meanwhile, in Cairo, the semi-official newspaper "Al Ahram" said Egypt has proposed a special Arab foreign ministers meeting in New York during the third week of September. The ministers would be there to attend the U.N. General Assembly meeting.

The paper said the aim of the Egyptian proposal is to give Riad ample time to continue his efforts in ironing out Arab differences.

Arafat

attend the proposed tripartite summit with no inhibitions as a result of the recent Iraqi-Palestinian rift," said Mehdi.

"Arafat also told me he is a revolutionary man looking not to the past and its problems but rather to the future and its potentialities."



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Soviet reaction seen unclear

Hua goes to Belgrade today

ous assertions."

A joint Romanian-Chinese statement on Friday, which Romanian officials said was agreed by both sides after four rounds of talks between Hua and Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, omitted the word "hegemony" in apparent deference to Bucharest's position.

Instead it condemned "any forms of foreign domination

and diktat," a less sensitive phrasing.

But at a dinner last night at the Black Sea port of Constanta, number three man in the Chinese delegation, deputy Politburo member Chao Tsuam-wang, again upheld "the common fight against imperialism, colonialism, neo-colonialism and hegemonism."

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- e. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WHILE REMOVING THE VESSEL SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ACCIDENTS OR LOSSES CAUSED TO THE PROPERTY OF THE PORT OR SHIPPING IN THE PORT.
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THE PORT ADMINISTRATION RESERVES ITS RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL THE BIDS WITHOUT ASSIGNING ANY REASON AND MAY DISPOSE OFF THE VESSEL OTHERWISE.

THE PARTICULARS OF THE VESSEL ARE AS FOLLOWS :-

NAME AND OWNERS: MARGRIT 'B' PALETTE SHIPPING CO. S.A. PIRAEUS GREEK FLAG.

TONNAGE: 11989 GROSS 6891 NET 17041 DEAD WEIGHT

CLASS: LLOYDS REGISTER UNTIL 4/72

DATE BUILD, DIMENSIONS: 1955 BY A.G. "WESSER" WERK SEEBECK

LENGTH OVERALL 182.11 METRES, LENGTH BETWEEN PERPENDICULARS 152.00 M, BREADTH EXTREME 21.04 M, BREADTH MOULDED 21.01 M, DRAFT MAXIMUM 9.456 M, DEPTH MOULDED 12.88 M.

TYPE OF VESSEL: BULK CARRIER MACHINERY AFT PROPULSION: 2 STEAM TURBINE DRIVE GEARED TO SC SHAFT

ENGINES: SIEMENS

SPEED : 14.5 Kn SCHUCKERT WERKE MULHEIM

FUEL : 1717 ot (o.f.)

VESSEL CAN BE INSPECTED AFTER OBTAINING PERMISSION FROM PORT ADMINISTRATION BY INTENDING BIDDER.

FOUAD M. MOKHTAR
DIRECTOR GENERAL, JEDDAH SEA PORT.



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Prague nearly emp... on anniversary eve of Soviet invasion

PRAGUE, Aug. 20 (R)—Prague was almost deserted Sunday on the eve of the 10th anniversary of the Soviet-led incursion into Czechoslovakia.

Many people had left the capital for summer weekend trips and most dissidents decided to spend Monday in the countryside — on official advice.

A lone green-uniformed policeman circled around the equestrian statue of St. Wenceslas, scene of violent demonstrations here on the invasion's first anniversary in 1969, watching a handful of tourists and passers-by enjoying the sunshine.

Apart from a few military jeeps parked in streets leading to Wenceslas Square, there was little evidence of any build-up in the discreet watch which police have been keeping on the capital for the past month.

Outside Prague's central police station, one policeman ate an ice cream cone as he stood watch over water cannon and armored personnel carriers brought from their garages and parked in a side street.

Along the Vltava River, which runs through Prague, military lorries have been tucked in lanes between state buildings. But no effort has been made to block off areas which became flashpoints of violence on Aug. 21, 1968, as Soviet tanks rumbled through Prague and Warsaw Pact troops toppled the liberal regime of reformist Communist Party leader Alexander Dubcek.

Unlike Hungary, which actually ignored the 10th anniversary of the 1956 uprising crushed by Soviet tanks, official media have issued statements defending the invasion and trying to show that events of 1968 required military action.